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July 1, 1998

Cindy Darling CALFED Bay-Delta Program 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Darling:

I am pleased to submit the City of San Jose's Inquiry Proposal to develop a Cold Water Fisheries and Water Quality element for the State of the Santa Clara Basin Report in response to your Request for Proposals. This proposal is submitted in cooperation with the Core Group members of the Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative.

The Santa Clara Basin Watershed, including the portion of the South San Francisco Bay to which the watershed drains, is large, unique and complex. The San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board has acknowledged the significance of the Santa Clara Basin Watershed by selecting it for the Region's urban watershed pilot study.

Since the summer of 1996, the Regional Board initiated the Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative (Watershed Initiative). The local agencies, environmental and community organizations embraced this opportunity to take local stewardship of the watershed and have committed to develop a watershed management plan for the South San Francisco Bay and Santa Clara Basin that integrates the following issues: watershed protection and enhancement, habitat and water quality enhancement, water rights and water supply reliability, flood control, regulatory compliance, land use and public awareness and involvement. An initial framework for the plan has been developed. The stakeholders committed to this process include local and state agencies, environmental and public interest groups and business and industry trade groups.

The Initiative is requesting funding for components of the planning process that relate directly to CALFED objectives. Specifically, we propose to conduct monitoring and assessment work that will provide data to help the Initiative develop the Cold Water Fisheries and Water Quality elements of the Watershed Report. These elements will contain both assessment data and management alternatives to help establish restoration priorities in the Watershed Plan. Coordination with other restoration programs and stakeholder education and outreach will be important components of this project. CALFED support will help ensure timely development of these important tools needed for development of our Watershed Management Plan.

I hope that you will look favorably upon our proposal. If you have any questions, please contact me or Mary Ellen Dick at 408-945-3070.

CARL W. MOSHER

Director

Environmental Services Department





June 30, 1998

Cindy Darling Restoration Coordinator CALFED Bay-Delta Program 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155 Sacramento, California 95814

Funding for Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative (WMI) Stewardship Program

Dear Ms. Darling,

As Environmental Advocate for the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society-an organization with nearly 4000 members in Santa Clara County--I have represented the environmental community as one of the Core Group stakeholders for the WMI for the last two years. I have seen the WMI move from planning how to plan to on the ground monitoring efforts, report preparation, and active work in the field. I believe CALFED funding for this effort would greatly enhance the group's ability to achieve their ambitious goals. In addition, such funding would represent a strong commitment from CALFED to the South Bay, reciprocating our region's demonstrated commitment to the preservation and restoration of the Bay-Delta ecosystem.

The WMI and its Core Group are tackling some of the toughest environmental issues in the Bay. We are faced with twin obstacles of significant proportion: the unique hydrologic circumstances of the South Bay and the booming growth of our region. Amidst these constraints we are attempting to maintain and even enhance some of the excellent resources we still have left: wetlands, creeks, open water habitat, and all the fisheries, endangered species and other wildlife that those areas support.

It must be recognized that the South Bay and our fragile ecology are an important component of the larger Bay-Delta and deserve greater attention from CALFED than we have had in the past. We should be part of CALFED solution area, as well as its problem area. Ecologically, there are several reasons for this. For example, if restoration of the California Clapper Rail to its historic range in the North Bay and Suisun Marsh is to occur, we will have to look to the South Bay to generate the new populations, as the vast majority of the 6-800 remaining rails exist

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here. Waterfowl, migratory avian species, and certain fisheries all traverse the relatively short distances between the Delta proper and the South Bay.

The WMI can bring many of the common issues of these regions into a single forum for discussion. While such processes can be slow, they are often more comprehensive in their approach and scope than other, single issue discussions. As such, they are already achieving some of the stated philosophy of CALFED—comprehensive planning involving a wide range of participants, grounded in sound science.

CALFED funding for this effort would be a strong vote of confidence in the type of planning CALFED represents on a larger scale. Our region is innovative in a number of the areas of concern to the larger Bay-Delta ecosystem: non-point source pollution control, water conservation and recycling, citizen monitoring, and collaborative planning. The WMI represents a forum that may serve as a model for other planning areas. The group deserves both the recognition and the support of CALFED.

Thank you for your consideration of this and other funding proposals for the South Bay. If you have questions or comments about the WMI and its work, I can be reached at (408) 252-3748.

Sincerely,

Craig K. Breon

Environmental Advocate

Attachment H

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CALFED ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS PROPOSAL

Executive Summary

II.a. Project Title and Applicant Name

Title: Cold Water Fisheries and Water Quality element for the State of the Santa Clara Basin Report

Applicant: City of San Jose - Environmental Services Department in Cooperation with the Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative

Primary Contact: Mary Tucker 408-277-5533 408-277-3606 (fax)

Erika Lovejoy, Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative 408-945-3024 408-934-0476

II.b. Project Description and Primary Biological and Ecological Objectives

In the summer of 1996, the Regional Board initiated the Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative (Initiative). Initiative stakeholders, including local agencies, environmental and community organizations, have committed to conducting a Watershed Assessment (Assessment), preparing a State of the Watershed Report (Watershed Report), and to creating and implementing a Watershed Management Plan (Watershed Plan) for the Santa Clara Valley Basin.

The Initiative is requesting funding for components of the Watershed Plan that relate directly to CALFED program objectives. Assessment and monitoring work is proposed to furnish data for the production of the Cold Water Fisheries and Water Quality elements of the Watershed Report, These elements will be used to establish restoration priorities for the Watershed Plan.

The primary biological and ecological objectives of this work are to protect and/or restore streams, reservoirs, wetlands and the South Bay for the benefit of fish, wildlife and the community. Specific monitoring and restoration objectives will be formulated by the Initiative stakeholders. Restoration and protection priority areas will be identified during the planning process.

II.c. Approach/Tasks/Schedule

The Initiative's watershed management approach is stakeholder driven. Its elements include:

- developing a Watershed Assessment Report based on existing data (now 12/99)
- initiating a field sampling and monitoring program to fill data gaps (3/99),
- developing a State of the Watershed Report, including management alternatives (9/99-9/00),
- preparing a Watershed Management Plan (6/00-9/01),
- implementing the Watershed Management Plan (6/00) ongoing),
- conducting periodic reviews and updates of the Assessment and Plan, and
- · continuous stakeholder outreach and education.

Funding is being requested from CALFED to: identify data gaps after an assessment of existing data, develop a sampling plan, initiate a field sampling/monitoring program to fill data gaps, develop the Cold Water Fisheries and Water Quality elements of the Watershed Report, and conduct stakeholder education and outreach.

II.d. Justification for Project Funding by CALFED

The Santa Clara Valley Basin is a critical part of the San Francisco Bay-Delta system and CALFED solution area. Several CALFED priority species (including Steelhead Trout and Fall Run Chinook Salmon) occur within the Santa Clara Basin Watershed (see Attachment A). Opportunities exist to re-establish populations of these species that previously inhabited the area. Prompted by legal actions, a collaborative effort has developed between the Initiative and the Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collective Effort (FAHCE) to improve instream habitats and resolve conflicts over land use and flood control issues. FAHCE members, including the Santa Clara Valley Water District, Department of Fish & Game, federal agencies, local government, and environmental groups are collecting data that will provide a solid base for the Cold Water Fisheries component of the Assessment.

As importers, reusers, and ultimately, dischargers of Delta water, watershed residents are concerned about the quality and quantity of local fresh water supplies. The desire to maintain a reliable and clean water supply for the basin's residents and aquatic environment has vested us as stakeholders in the CALFED process. Through the Initiative, watershed residents can directly help the CALFED program realize its ecosystem restoration objectives for the Bay-Delta system.

II.e. Budget Costs and Third Party Impacts

Local agencies have been the Initiative's primary funding sources. Expenditures thus far have amounted to about \$500,000, not including in-kind services. The Initiative is requesting \$301,000 from CALFED.

The Initiative's comprehensive stakeholder involvement process will serve to identify and avoid potential third party impacts which could arise during this process.

II.f. Applicant Qualifications

The City of San Jose - Environmental Services Department, is well known for its environmental programs and is well qualified to coordinate the preparation of this assessment.

II.g. Monitoring and Data Evaluation

Upon completion of the Assessment, stakeholder group members assisted by a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will review its findings. If necessary, the group will recommend studies to fill data gaps. Monitoring and data evaluation procedures will be refined by the TAC in accordance with the guidelines of the Initiative's draft Data Management Plan. The Initiative will coordinate with other monitoring programs to ensure compatibility in data collection techniques for long-term data sharing, where appropriate.

II.h. <u>Local Support/Coordination With Other Programs/Compatibility With CALFED</u> Objectives

The goals and procedures of the Initiative are fully compatible with the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program's objectives.

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Cold Water Fisheries and Water Quality element for the State of the

Santa Clara Basin Report

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City of San Jose - Environmental Services Department in Cooperation with the Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative (WMI)

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WMI Program Manager: Erika Lovejoy 408-945-3024

Type of Organization and Tax

Status:

City of San Jose - Environmental Services Department is a local government agency. The WMI is a collaborative effort made up of

many agencies and organizations.

Tax ID:

96-600419

Participants and

Collaborators:

The City of San Jose and the WMI (California Restaurant Association, City of Palo Alto, City of San Jose, City of Sunnyvale, CLEAN South Bay, County of Santa Clara, Coyote Creek Riparian Station, Dairy Belle Freeze, Inc., Department of Fish and Game, Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Control District, Home Builders Association of Northern California, Intel, League of Women Voters, Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Jose Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco Estuary Institute, San Mateo County Environmental Health, Santa Clara Cattleman's Association, Santa Clara County Farm Bureau, Santa Clara County Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, Santa Clara Valley Manufacturers Group, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, US Geological Survey, US EPA, Valley Transportation Authority, Water Reuse Association of

California, West Valley Clean Water Program)

IV. Project description

a. Project Description and Approach

The Lower South San Francisco Bay has been designated as an impaired waterbody under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. Concentrations of certain toxic pollutants exceed water quality criteria in this poorly flushed portion of the bay, and aquatic and riparian habitats are in various states of degradation. These issues necessitate the development of an approach that allows for targeting priority problems, incorporating stakeholder interests, and shifting resources among watershed issues as they are either resolved or identified as priorities.

In the summer of 1996, the Regional Board initiated the Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative (Initiative) as a pilot project for the State's Watershed Management Initiative. Local government agencies, environmental and community organizations embraced this opportunity to take local stewardship of the watershed and have committed to develop a Watershed Management Plan (Watershed Plan) for the South San Francisco Bay and Santa Clara Basin. Six major goals were adopted by Initiative participants (Attachment C). Those goals address a wide spectrum of issues, including water quality and habitat protection and enhancement, water rights and water supply reliability, flood control, and stakeholder involvement.

The Initiative is being led by a group of representatives from over 20 different agencies and organizations (Attachment B), entitled the Core Group, who have taken on the role of guiding this effort. Subgroups (Attachment D) have been created to address specific issue areas for inclusion in the Watershed Plan.

The proposed project is the development of a Watershed Assessment Report (Assessment), State of the Watershed Report (Watershed Report) and a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Watershed Plan). The Initiative is requesting funding for components of the project that relate directly to CALFED objectives. Specifically, it is proposed that monitoring and assessment work be conducted that will provide data to develop the Cold Water Fisheries and Water Quality elements of the Watershed Report. These elements will include both assessment data and management alternatives to help establish restoration priorities for the Watershed Plan. Coordination with other programs and stakeholder education and outreach will be important components of this project.

The Initiative has acquired funding for, and has already begun work on an assessment of the Santa Clara Basin. A basin-wide assessment of the condition of the Santa Clara Basin watershed does not currently exist, although a great deal of information in different formats exists in local agencies, organizations and industries. The Assessment will enable the prioritization of protective and/or restorative measures in the watershed. The information collected will be compiled for the Assessment Report, consisting of a description of the jurisdictional responsibilities and biophysical conditions in the watershed. This report will be used as a tool by stakeholders to establish restoration and remediation priorities within the watershed. Data gaps will be identified during the development of the Assessment and a field sampling program will be initiated to fill the gaps. The Assessment report will be followed by the Watershed Report, which will provide a more detailed analysis based on newly collected data and will recommend alternatives to address

priority problems and meet Initiative goals (Attachment C). Along with sections for the other issue areas included in our goals, a Cold Water Fisheries and Water Quality element will be included in each of the reports. A Watershed Plan will then be developed, outlining the actions stakeholders agree to take to meet our program goals. Active stakeholder involvement will be emphasized throughout the entire process to help ensure implementation of the Watershed Plan.

CALFED Funding is being requested to fulfill specific components of the planning process. The following list shows the major tasks proposed. The components for which CALFED funding is being requested are highlighted.

Planning Process Components:

- Ensure stakeholder involvement and education throughout the life of the process.
- Prepare an initial inventory of watershed characteristics from existing data(10/98)
- Prepare a Watershed Assessment Report (12/99)
- Identify and address crucial data gaps and initiate a field sampling program (3/99)
- Develop and implement a data management system (11/98)
- Develop a Quality Management Plan and Program (10/98)
- Prepare a State of the Watershed Report (9/00) (funding requested for Water Quality and Cold Water Fisheries elements)
- Prepare a Watershed Management Plan that includes an implementation schedule to meet watershed goals (6/00-9/01)
- Implement the Watershed Management Plan (6/00- ongoing),
- Conduct periodic reviews and updates of the Assessment and Plan

IV. b. Proposed Scope of Work.

Drawing from the task list in section III.a., the projects tasks, schedule, deliverables and budget for which funding is being requested are listed below.

<u>Task 1. Ensure Stakeholder Involvement And Education Throughout The Life Of The Process</u> Subtask A. Administrative Support/Outreach for Core Group and Subgroups

The Program Manager and Report Preparation Team will develop and distribute meeting agendas, materials, summaries, progress reports, informational memos, decision memoranda, provide oversight of technical consultants and facilitators, and direct communication with stakeholders.

Schedule:

Meeting Organization and distribution of materials

Ongoing

Preparation of quarterly/final reports

Quarterly/yearly

Deliverables: Organize meetings, meeting agendas and minutes, progress reports, stakeholder participation.

Estimated Budget: \$115,950 CALFED Funding Request: \$75,950

Task II. Identify And Address Crucial Data Gaps And Initiate A Field Sampling Program

Subtask A. Identify data gaps from the Assessment of existing data

After a list of existing data is compiled for the Assessment, data gaps will be identified for the Cold Water Fisheries and Water Quality elements of the Watershed Report. Field sampling activities will be approved by the Core Group. A consultant will be retained to conduct this work.

Schedule:

Identify data gaps

3/99-4/99

Develop recommended sampling program 4/99-5/99 Present recommendation to Core Group 5/99-6/99

Deliverables: Recommended field sampling activities, Core Group approved field sampling activities.

Estimated Budget: \$15,000 CALFED Funding Request: \$15,000

Subtask B. Developing a Field Sampling Plan

Once field sampling activities are approved by the Core Group, a field sampling plan will be developed. The plan will be reviewed by a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The final plan will be presented to the Core Group for approval.

Schedule: Develop field sampling plan 7/99
TAC Review 8/99

Core Group Review 9/99

Deliverables: Field Sampling Plan, TAC review, Core Group Review Estimated Budget: \$10,000 CALFED Funding Request: \$10,000

Subtask C. Initiate a field sampling program to fill data gaps

The field sampling program will be initiated after the sampling plan is approved.

Schedule: Develop contracts 5/99-9/99

Conduct Sampling 9/99-8/00

Deliverables: Data Collection

Estimated Budget: \$100,000 CALFED Funding Request: \$75,000

Task III. Develop Cold Water Fisheries and Water Quality Elements of the Watershed Report. Utilizing the existing data and newly collected data from the Assessment, analyze fisheries and water quality issues. Develop management alternatives to address issues in each of these areas. Stakeholder input will be sought out throughout the entire task.

Subtask A. Plan the Report

The Report Preparation Team will prepare a workplan and outline for the Watershed Report. A communications plan will be developed to get stakeholder input/review for major steps of the report development.

Schedule: Prepare Workplan 7/99-9/99
Prepare Outline 8/99-9/99
Prepare Communications Plan 7/99-9/99

Deliverables: Workplan, Report Outline and Communications Plan
Estimated Budget: \$22,000 CALFED Funding Request: \$10,000

Subtask B. Compile Data and Develop Alternatives

A consultant will compile existing data from the Assessment along with data collected from the field sampling program and conduct an analysis of fisheries and water quality. The consultant will develop restoration/remediation priorities and management options for inclusion in the report.

Schedule: Compile Data and Develop Alternatives 8/99-7/00

Deliverables: Draft Cold Water Fisheries and Water Quality Elements of the Watershed Report

Estimated Budget: \$95,000 CALFED Funding Request: \$75,000

Subtask C. Report Production

The Draft Cold Water Fisheries and Water Quality Elements of the Watershed Report will be edited and finalized for inclusion into the Watershed Report.

Schedule: Finalize and Print Report 7/00-9/00

Deliverables: Final Cold Water Fisheries and Water Quality Elements of the Watershed Report Estimated Budget: \$10,000 CALFED Funding Request: \$10,000

Subtask D. Conduct Stakeholder Education and Outreach for the Watershed Report Stakeholders will be educated about the technical aspects of the Watershed Report to allow for their maximum participation in its development. Outreach will be conducted to educate the general public and policy makers on the Initiative.

Schedule: Education and Outreach Activities 7/99-11/00

Deliverables: Workshops, Public Education Materials, Press Releases

Estimated Budget: \$40,000 CALFED Funding Request: \$30,000

IV. c. Location and/or geographic boundaries of the project.

The Initiative includes all Santa Clara County Waterways, south of the Dumbarton bridge, including the South San Francisco Bay. A small segment of Alameda and San Mateo Counties are included in the basin as well. (Map, Attachment E)

IV. d. Expected Benefits.

Benefits to CALFED Priority Habitats and Species

Two CALFED priority habitats, instream aquatic habitat and shaded riverine aquatic habitat, exist on the perennial streams of the Watershed. Small areas of saline emergent wetlands, the habitat of the endangered salt marsh harvest mouse and clapper rail, are present at the mouths of the Guadalupe River and Coyote Creek. Two tier 1 priority species-steelhead trout and fall run chinook salmon, use the instream and shaded riverine aquatic habitats of the upper watershed for spawning and rearing purposes. Habitat for longfin smelt, splittail, and migratory birds exists in the lower stream reaches and tidelands of the South Bay's major creeks.

Stressors

Disturbances related to urban development are the primary stressors in the watershed. They include:

- Alteration of flows and other effects of water management, including
 - alteration of hydrograph/flows
 - migration barriers and straying/stranding of fish
- Floodplain changes
 - hydrological isolation of floodplains
 - physical isolation of floodplains
- Channel form changes
 - extensive alteration of channel form
 - prevention of channel meander
 - isolation and elimination of sidechannels and tributaries
- reduction of gravel recruitment
- channel agradation due to fine sediments
- loss of existing riparian zone and lack of regeneration potential
- increased contaminants
- increased nutrient input
- Increased water temperature

A goal of the Initiative is to strike a balance between water supply management, flood management, habitat protection and land use practices to improve water quality for instream uses. In addition to the results of the watershed assessment, stakeholders will consider the findings of pending studies on the use of recycled water for stream flow augmentation and the removal of fish barriers. This information will enable the stakeholders to identify and recommend actions that will eliminate or reduce the impacts of stressors in the areas of primary environmental importance.

Other Benefits to the Watershed and CALFED Solution Area

CALFED support of the watershed planning process will enable basin-wide restoration and protection priorities to be set. Additionally, periodic evaluation and updates of the Plan will help provide information on which protection efforts are the most effective, which can be utilized by other efforts as well. The Initiative will thus have a road map from which to coordinate and focus concurrent environmental protection efforts, including:

- water reuse for environmental and other beneficial uses.
- improvement of water use efficiency, and
- removal of barriers to anadromous fish migration.

Another valuable, if unmeasureable, benefit of the watershed management program is that it creates future opportunities for over 1.6 million consumers of Bay-Delta water to experience and understand the importance of fresh water flows to a diverse and healthy natural environment. Awareness of the environmental benefits of water reuse and conservation will improve the publics understanding of the issues facing the Bay-Delta ecosystem.

IV. e. Background and Ecological/Biological/Technical Justification.

The watershed management plan seeks to protect and/or restore streams, reservoirs, wetlands and the South Bay for the benefit of fish, wildlife and community uses. Specific monitoring and restoration objectives will be formulated collaboratively by the Initiative stakeholders and Technical Advisory Committee on the basis of the findings of the Assessment and concurrent studies. Restoration and protection priority areas will be identified by the Initiative stakeholder group during the planning process and described in the Watershed Report. The CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Protection Plan (ERPP) and other relevant studies will be reviewed during this process. Potential watershed management objectives will be described in a State of the Watershed Report and deliberated by stakeholders. Final objectives will be selected and become the basis for the implementation priorities recommended in the Watershed Plan.

The durability of these benefits will largely depend on the successful completion of the planning process. Stakeholders with diverse interests have shown their commitment to making this process work through providing resources and political support to the Initiative. CALFED support will facilitate timely development of recommendations needed to address fisheries and water quality issues.

Project Status

The process has been underway since June 1996, after initiation by the Regional Board. It is intended to be an ongoing process, with mechanisms for regular reviews and updates of both the SOWR and the Watershed Plan. The following progress has been made since the program's

initiation:

- Established a strong stakeholder base
- Established a program structure, consisting of a Core Group, issue-specific subgroups,
 Report Preparation Team, and Program Manager
- Developed a decision-making process, mission statement, and stakeholder approved program goals
- Prepared a process to conduct the Initiative work (the Assessment through implementation of the Watershed Plan)
- Developed a "Signatory Document" outlining stakeholder commitment to the process
- Obtained EPA 319 funding for an early implementation project (riparian restoration)
- Created a forum to resolve short-term issues within the watershed
- Developed alliances with existing programs for coordination and data sharing
- Acquired formal financial and political support from key local agencies
- Developed a detailed workplan for the Assessment and Watershed Report
- Obtained funding for and hired a consulting firm to help conduct the Assessment

Expenditures to date: A significant amount of in-kind services, as well as agency funding has been provided by Initiative stakeholders to fund the process. It is estimated that the contributions to date are around \$500,000, not including in-kind services provided by the cities of San Jose, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, and other stakeholders.

Interactions with Other Programs: The diversity of interest groups participating in the Initiative allows for coordination with many different programs. Active coordination exists with the FAHCE project, the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program, and other local agency initiatives. Consultant time is being devoted specifically to conducting such coordination with other programs.

IV.f. Monitoring and Data Evaluation.

The Initiative is currently gathering existing data for the basin. Once data gaps are identified, the Initiative plans to conducts two distinct monitoring programs. The first will assemble data needed to complete the Assessment and Watershed Report. The second program will be for long-term monitoring identified from our assessment work and the Watershed Report. A Technical Advisory Committee made up of scientific experts is being convened to review our monitoring and data evaluation procedures. Biological, ecological and chemical monitoring will take place. Specific locations and constituents to monitor for will be determined based on the results of the Assessment. Monitoring programs will be modified periodically as the Watershed Report and Plan are updated. Data will be made available to the public in electronic and written formats.

IV. g. Implementability.

Compliance with laws and regulations: Although several regulatory actions and permits are being negotiated though the Initiative, new compliance issues are not expected to arise as a result of this project. A regulatory analysis will be conducted during the implementation of the Watershed Plan to ensure compliance with laws relevant to restoration activities.

Coordination with other Programs: Coordination is an element of the workplan for the Assessment. There is active coordination with the FAHCE and other programs.

Local Support: Local support has been demonstrated by the active participation of local governments, State and federal agencies, environmental groups and industry. Formal Council and Board approvals of participation and funding have been made by the major cities (San Jose, Sunnyvale, Palo Alto) and the Santa Clara Valley Water District. A "Signatory Document" outlining commitments to the Initiative process will be made public in September. A Public Outreach Subgroup is developing an outreach plan to obtain additional support for the Initiative and its activities.

V. Costs and Schedule to Implement the Proposed Project

a. Budget Costs

Project Phase & Task	Direct Labor Hours	Direct Salary & Benefits	Overhead Labor	Service Contracts	Materials & Acquisition Contracts	Misc. & Other Direct Costs	Total Cos	t CALFED
Task I. Stakeholder Involvement Program Manager	1,664 hrs	58,240	17,710			177913	1.00	75,950
Prog Mgnt & Admin (materials, printing, phone, etc.)	years					5,000	5,000	
Report Prop Team Involvement and Coordination	1,500	35,000					52,500	
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b. Schedule Milestones

Task I. Ensure Stakeholder Involvement And Education Throughout The Life Of The Process

Subtask A. Administrative Support/Outreach for Core Group and Subgroups

Schedule: Meeting Organization and distribution of materials Ongoing

Preparation of quarterly/final reports Quarterly/yearly

Task II. Identify And Address Crucial Data Gaps And Initiate A Field Sampling Program

Subtask A. Identify data gaps from the Assessment of existing data

Identify data gaps 3/99-4/99

Develop recommended sampling program 4/99-5/99

Present recommendation to Core Group 5/99-6/99

Subtask B. Developing a Field Sampling Plan

Develop field sampling plan 7/99
TAC Review 8/99
Core Group Review 9/99

Subtask C. Initiate a field sampling program to fill data gaps

Develop contracts 5/99-9/99 Conduct Sampling 9/99-8/00

Task III. Develop Cold Water Fisheries and Water Quality Elements of the Watershed Report.

Subtask A. Plan the Report

Prepare Workplan 7/99-9/99
Prepare Outline 8/99-9/99
Prepare communications Plan 7/99-9/99

Subtask B. Compile Data and Develop Alternatives

Compile Data and Develop Alternatives 8/99-7/00
Subtask C. Report Production 7/00-9/00

Subtask D. Conduct Stakeholder Education and Outreach for the Watershed Report

Education and Outreach Activities 7/99-11/00

c. Third Party Impacts.

Third party impacts are not anticipated during the planning stages of the project. Third party impacts will be analyzed when management alternatives are developed. Diverse stakeholder participation will help reduce the potential for third party impacts.

VI. Applicant Qualifications

City of San Jose. The City of San Jose - Environmental Services Department, is well known for its environmental programs and is well qualified to coordinate the preparation of this Assessment. The City of San Jose - Environmental Services Department is submitting this grant proposal on behalf of the Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative. As a local agency, and as a key stakeholder in the Initiative, the City, along with other participants of the Initiative, has developed numerous partnerships with various agencies, business and environmental organizations, and has a solid reputation for providing planning, coordination and technical assistance within the targeted watershed basin area.

Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative. The "watershed management" approach used by the Initiative derives its strength through developing partnerships. The Initiative is made up of diverse interests, including but not limited to local government, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, business and industry, land development, environmental organizations, agriculture, and state and federal resource and regulatory agencies. (Attachment B) These diverse interests met early on in the planning process to jointly identify problems and create a plan for protection of their watershed. They are now attending monthly Core Group meetings, as well as a variety of subgroups to work on specific topics. With this active stakeholder participation, the prospects for comprehensive and effective watershed management are excellent.

Initiative Organization. The Initiative is made up of a Core Group of stakeholders, a Program Manager, Report Preparation Team (RPT), and ten issue-specific working groups. Initiative participants have provided technical and administrative staff to support the Program Manager and each

of the teams. The Program Manager and RPT manage the schedule and major work products for the Initiative. The RPT is made up of consultants and project managers from participating agencies. The Program Manager has worked for the State Water Resources Control Board, California Coastal Commission and Department of Water Resources on the Statewide Watershed Management Initiative, and several local watershed initiatives. The Initiative Program Manager and RPT will work closely with the City of San Jose to ensure successful completion of the project.

VII. Compliance with standard terms and conditions

All required forms applicable to this proposal are attached. The terms and conditions for funding for this proposal are agreeable. No exceptions to the proposed terms and conditions for funding for this project have been identified. The required form D1-2010, regarding terms and conditions for Federal funding is attached.

Attachment A

Priority Species Distribution in the Santa Clara Basin

Scientists have characterized streams tributary to the San Francisco Bay as an extension of the Central Valley subsystem of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Drainage because of the similarity of fish species. The primary difference is the fact that Bay Area streams flow directly into the saline waters of the bay, preventing movement of purely freshwater species between streams. (USACOE 1997) However, this explains the similarity between anadromous species in the overall Bay-Delta system. Both past and recent studies have identified the existence of several Bay-Delta priority fish species within the Santa Clara Basin watershed. The following is a preliminary look at the available data on these species.

Steelhead

Historical studies show that steelhead were once common in Bay Area streams, but urbanization and its resulting impacts to riparian habitat has contributed to the extinction of some runs and drastic reductions in others. (USACOE 1997) More recent studies show that although populations have decreased, steelhead are still found in many South Bay Creeks. Steelhead trout runs are presently documented in Alameda, Penitencia, Lower Coyote, Permanente, San Francisquito, and Stevens Creeks, and the Guadalupe River. (Leidy 1984, Leidy 1997, USEPA 1997, USACOE 1997) Steelhead "landlocked" by dams are found in southern reservoirs such as San Antonio and Coyote. These fish continue to migrate out of the reservoirs and spawn in tributary streams. In general, "...steelhead adults and juveniles may be found foraging in and migrating through, estuarine subtidal and riverine tidal habitats within all areas of the estuary" (USEPA 1997).

<u>Salmon</u>

Although highly modified, the Guadalupe River provides habitat for chinook salmon, as well as steelhead. Chinook Salmon are known to migrate up the Guadalupe River and to a lesser extent, Los Gatos Creek, to spawn (USACOE 1997; Leidy, Pers. Com.). Several impediments along the Guadalupe River have been identified, but a more thorough assessment needs to be performed to determine the extent of habitat impairment. An initial assessment shows that this habitat could be improved by increasing riparian vegetation and removing obstructions, Introduced species have been identified as another major impact to local fish (USACOE 1997). Recent sampling by the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) has also found chinook salmon south of the Dumbarton Bridge, within the South San Francisco Bay, as further evidence of migration patterns from South Bay Streams to the ocean (Hieb 1997).

Longfin Smelt

CDFG recently collected samples of longfin smelt at their sampling stations both north and south of the Dumbarton Bridge in the South San Francisco Bay (Hieb 1997). This species is not

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known to exist in any South Bay tributaries, but may be impacted by toxics and other water quality problems associated with migrating through the South Bay.

Splittail

There are several historical accounts of splittail existence in Coyote Creek, however this species has not been collected in the drainage since the early part of the century (Leidy, 1984). Scientists believe conditions are suitable to successfully reestablish populations in the lower Coyote Creek area (Leidy, pers comm, 1997). This notion, as well as other population improvement projects, will be investigated through the Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative (WMI) Ecosystem and Habitat Assessment. The comprehensive watershed planning approach being used by the WMI, as well as strong stakeholder involvement, will increase the likelihood of success of implementation efforts in this area.

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Attachment B

SANTA CLARA BASIN WMI COOPERATING AGENCIES

Agency Name	Contact Person	Phone	
San Jose/Santa Clara POTW	Mary Ellen Dick, Dan	408-945-3070	
	Bruinsma	408-277-5533	
Palo Alto POTW	Phil Bobel	415-329-2285	
Sunnyvale POTW	Helen Farnham	408-730-7272	
Santa Clara Valley Water District	Jim Fiedler, Beau Goldie	408-265-2607	
San Jose Chamber of Commerce	Jim Tucker	408-291-5262	
Santa Clara Valley Manufacturers Group	Chris Elias	408-496-6801	
California Restaurant Association	Craig Stone	408-263-2612	
Streams for Tomorrow	Keith Anderson	408-683-4330	
West Valley Clean Water Program	Kelly Carrol	408-354-4734	
Toxics Coalition	Lori Cuesta, Michael Stanley- Jones	408-287-6707	
Home Builders Association	Mark Lazzarini	408-977-1490	
Department of Fish and Game	Deborah Johnston	408-649-7141	
League of Women Voters	Ann Coombs	415-941-2684	
San Francisco Estuary Institute	Michael Rigney	510-231-9540	
Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society	Craig Breon	408-252-3748	
CLEAN South Bay	Trish Mulvey	415-326-0252	
Regional Water Quality Control Board	Tom Mumley	510-286-0962	
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	Ray Hybarger	408-321-5834	
Intel	Stephanie Rhine	408-765-3241	
Santa Clara County - Environmental Resources Agency	Amy Tibbs	408-299-2521	
Santa Clara County Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program	Adam Olivieri	510-832-2852 x115	
Santa Clara Cattlemen's Association	Mike Miller	408-274-2359	
USDA Natural Resources Conservation District	Jeff Rodrigucz	408-636-7643	
Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District	Nancy Bernardi	408-288-5888	
Santa Clara County Farm Bureau	Nancy Richardson	408-776-1684	
U.S. EPA - Region 9	Luisa Valiela	415-744-1991	
Acting Facilitator (City of San Jose - Environmental Services Department)	Mary Tucker	408-277-2993	

Attachment C

SANTA CLARA BASIN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE MISSION AND GOALS

Mission of the Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative:

Protect and enhance the Watershed, creating a sustainable future for the community and the environment.

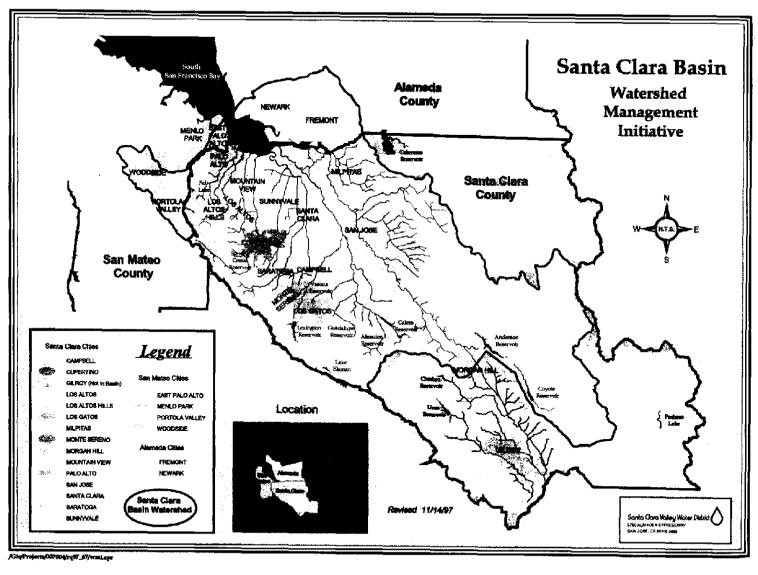
GOALS:

- 1. Ensure that the Watershed Management Initiative is a broad, consensus-based process.
- Ensure that necessary resources are provided for the implementation of the Watershed Management Initiative.
- Simplify compliance with regulatory requirements without compromising environmental protection.
- 4. Balance the objectives of water supply management, habitat protection, flood management and land use to protect and enhance water quality.
- 5. Protect and/or restore streams, reservoirs, wetlands and the bay for the benefit of fish, wildlife and human uses.
- Develop an implementable Watershed Management Plan that incorporates science and is continuously improved.

Attachment D

Current Subgroups of the Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative include the following:

SUBGROUP	MISSION & WORK STATEMENT				
Planning and Resources	 Ensure that the Initiative has a comprehensive, overall work plan and the resources to implement the plan. Research, Identify and Develop resources (both personnel and monetary) for the Watershed Initiative. 				
Bay Modeling and Monitoring	 Provide technically sound tools to investigate and evaluate the potential water quality impacts of various south bay water quality management options; Develop technically supportable permit limits (concentration & mass); Develop the technical support for attainable water quality objectives including expected attainment dates; Develop a technically supportable first phase Total Maximum Daily Loading along with a plan to refine the estimates. 				
Watershed Assessment	 Provide a solid scientific foundation for watershed planning and land use decisions. Identify existing data resources, assemble available data, evaluate the quality of existing data, identify data gaps, develop and implement strategies for data acquisition and management and implement data interpretations which will lead to effective planning decisions. 				
Data Management	 Provide the Watershed Management Initiative Stakeholders with accurate and reliable data in a timely and cost-effective manner on an on-going basis. 				
Land Use	Identify and address land use planning interests and issues that need to be considered within the watershed plan				
Flood Management	 Identify and integrate flood management issues as a part of the watershed planning process 				
Communication & Outreach	 Ensure effective communication across all stakeholders, core group, subgroups and key decision-makers. Identify, coordinate and initiate effective outreach programs. Create and disseminate public outreach materials for the Watershed Initiative 				
Report Preparation Team	Plan and develop the State of the Watershed Report				



Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying

Persons signing this form should refer to the regulations referenced below for complete instructions:

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - Primary Covered Transactions - The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, ineligibility and Voluntery Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions. See below for language to be used or use this form for certification and sign. [See Appendix A of Subpart D of 43 CFR Part 12.]

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions - (See Appendix B of Subpart D of 43 CFR Part 12.)

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements -Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals) and Alternate II. (Grantees Who are Individuals) - (See Appendix C of Subpart D of 43 CFR Part 12)

Signature on this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 43 CFR Parts 12 and 18. The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of the Interior determines to award the covered transaction, grant, cooperative agreement or loan.

PART A: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - Primary Covered Transactions

CHECK VIF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR A PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTION AND IS APPLICABLE.

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
 - (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, faisification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

PART B: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -Lower Tier Covered Transactions

CHECK__IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR A LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTION AND IS APPLICABLE.

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

EH-2010 June 1996 (This form replaces DI-1863, DI-1864, DI-1866, DI-1968 and DI-1993)

PART D: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

CHECK__IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR AN APPLICANT WHO IS AN INDIVIDUAL.

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

- (a) The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;
- (b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to the grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

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The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

As the authorized certifying official, I hereby certify that the above specified certifications are true.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL

Carl Mosher, Director, Environmental Services Department, City of San Jose

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